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SUBJECT: URANIUM ENRICHMENT DEVELOPMENTS IN JAPAN

1. AT MEETING ON JAN 11, 1974, UTILITY PRESIDENTS CONSIDERED MATTER OF SEPARATIVE WORK PURCHASE FROM EURODIF AND ESTABLISHED JAPANESE POSITION FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. EURODIF NEGOTIATING TEAM HEADED BY MR. BESS, PRESIDENT OF EURODIF, WILL BE IN JAPAN WEEK OF JAN 21 FOR FURTHER, AND POSSIBLY FINAL NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ON JAN 11 JAPANESE PRESS CARRIED REPORTS THAT SOVIET TRADE CORPORA-

TION (TECHNABSEXPORT) HAD OFFERED SUPPLY ENRICHING SERVICES TO JAPAN BEGINNING IN 1976. SUBSEQUENT REPORTS STATED THAT USSR ATOMIC ENERGY TEAM CURRENTLY VISITING JAPAN HAD DISCUSSED THIS OFFER AT MEETING WITH JAPAN ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM ON JAN 14. ACCORDING REPORTS, TEAM LEADER MOROKHOV MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: A) USSR PREPARED CONTRACT FOR TOLL ENRICHMENT BEGINNING 19 6 AND RUNNING THROUGH YEAR 2000; B) INITIALLY USSR PREPARED OFFER 1,000 TONS PER YEAR BUT THIS COULD BE INCREASED TO 3,000-4,000 TONS PER YEAR; C) SWU CHARGE WOULD BE FIXED UNTIL 1980 AT 36 DOLLARS PER SWU PLUS OR MINUS FIVE PERCENT; UNCLASSIFIED

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SUB SIX; AND E) SUPPLY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PEACEFUL USES GUARANTEE. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORTED JAPANESE REACTION TO THE USSR OFFER.

3. IN ADDITION ABOVE, DR. N. FRANKLIN OF BRITISH NUCLEAR FUELS LIMITED WILL BE VISITING JAPAN WEEK OF JAN 21 FOR DISCUSSIONS ON CHEMICAL REPROCESSING; HOWEVER, IT IS ANTICIPTED HE WILL ALSO DISCUSS URANIUM ENRICHMENT AND URENCO. GE/EXXON OFFICIALS PLAN VISIT TOKYO WEEK OF JAN 28 FOR DISCUSSIONS ON STATUS OF THEIR FEASIBILITY STUDY ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT. ALSO, JAPNESE PRESS CONTINUES REPORT THAT AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR MINERALS AND ENERGY, CONNOR, CONSIDERING VISITING JAPAN IN LATE JANUARY TO PURSUE JAPANESE-AUSTRALIAN COOPERATION IN STUDYING CONSTRUCTION OF CENTRIFUGE ENRICHMENT PLANT IN AUSTRALIA.

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